

SHALL MONETT HAVE GAS?

Proposition Before the City Council to Install Gas for Cooking and Lighting Purposes

W. A. Bixby, general manager of the Springfield Gas and Electric Co., accompanied by Geo. A. McCollum, general attorney for the company were in the city Thursday.

They were here for the purpose of making propositions to the city council for the installing of a gas heating and lighting plant. Mayor Short called a special session in the afternoon to confer with the gentlemen. The matter will be brought up for consideration at the next regular meeting of the council.

The company asks for a franchise and with proper encouragement from the citizens a plant will be installed or else the mains will be extended from Springfield to this city.

Mr. Bixby wishes to supply electricity and gas to Marionville, Aurora and Peirce City and gas to Aurora and Monett. It is his plan to materialize it will mean the construction of the proposed interurban line to Carthage at an early date.

Mr. Bixby estimates that mains can be extended from Springfield to the towns named for about \$250,000.

Langley Acquitted

Ozark, Aug. 25.—William Langley, former treasurer of Stone county, who has been on trial in circuit court here on charge of embezzlement of the county funds, was acquitted by the jury this afternoon. The verdict of acquittal was obtained on the first ballot.

Langley was treasurer of Stone county in 1903 and 1904. He was elected county clerk in 1906, which place he now holds. When he left the office it was claimed that there was a shortage of \$321.08, the books having been examined by L. U. Crawford, an expert accountant. This shortage was immediately made good, Mr. Langley claiming that it was due to clerical errors. An information charging embezzlement was filed against him, and the case was sent here for trial. Judge John T. Moore having disqualified, Judge W. N. Evans was called in to try the case. A charge of forgery against Langley will be heard here Monday.

G. P. Gammon Held Up

Councilman G. P. Gammon was held up in the Frisco yards Wednesday night and robbed of over twenty dollars.

Mr. Gammon says he was crossing the tracks west of the freight office when he was held up by a man who forced him to give up his valuables. Mr. Gammon had been collecting money to secure Joe Bowman's release from the penitentiary and had with him something over twenty dollars.

Harrison Trent reports that two men tried to hold him up as he was passing on the east of the freight office but he escaped them.

Ocean Liner Passes An Enormous Iceberg

New York, Aug. 25.—Breaking all records as to size, a huge snow-capped iceberg, 1,000 feet long and 500 feet high, passed the liner California on her trip from Glasgow, which ended here yesterday. The floating mountain was sighted when the vessel was in latitude 46:56, longitude 46:57, the California passing within a mile of the monster berg. All that day they ran through broken ice, and at night great chunks crashed up against the California's side, awakening passengers.

A. M. Sooter of north of Monett, was in the city Thursday. He is a successful berry-grower. This year he cleared \$301.85 on one acre of strawberries and a quarter of an acre of blackberries.

Muzzle the Dogs

A great deal of excitement has been occasioned here by a mad dog. A. M. Brown's dog became mad on Tuesday evening. It bit Dimmit Wainright's dog and a number of others. Several shots were fired into the dog, but he did not even howl. He is known to have bit several dogs on Marshall Hill and was not killed before leaving town.

Mr. Wainright killed his dog and others whose dogs were bitten should do the same.

It might be well for all dogs to be muzzled for a few weeks.

Not Permitted to Wed Prisoner

Carthage, Mo., Aug. 25.—Miss Frances Mirrick, a pretty young woman, arrived here yesterday from St. Louis to intercede for Frank Snow, who has just been returned from St. Louis to await trial on a charge of forgery. Miss Mirrick went to the recorder's office, where she stated she wanted a marriage license; however, when she said the prospective groom was in jail, the matter was referred to Walter Saylor, prosecuting attorney, who refused to allow Snow to take part in the ceremony. Miss Mirrick says she will remain in Carthage until Snow is liberated.

Joe Hilliard Passes Through Monett

Joe Hilliard passed through Monett Wednesday night on his way to the St. Louis Frisco hospital. His limb which was run over by his engine was amputated about midway between his knee and ankle. Joe is getting along very well and is in good spirits.

Joe was under his engine at Tulsa on Tuesday night repairing a break. The engine moved forward a little and Joe tried to hold himself up and brace his foot up out of danger. A rod struck him and he threw out his foot which went under a wheel and was cut off. His limb was amputated at the Tulsa hospital.

The Hilliard family seem to be having their full measure of trouble. Mr. Hilliard is seriously ill with lung trouble. His oldest daughter, Miss Clara Hilliard, has been in a hospital for treatment. His youngest daughter is just recovering from an attack of typhoid fever.

Cassville News.

From The Republican.

J. M. Neeley who is working at Monett spent Sunday in Cassville.

Emmett O'Dwyer and a young gentleman friend of Monett drove to Cassville Tuesday afternoon.

On account of the malarial complications County Engineer Robbins is not recovering so rapidly as was expected.

M. B. Babb is at work this week cleaning out the remainder of the old court house material from inside the square.

Prof. J. F. Adams of Warrensburg, the newly elected principal of the Cassville school is expected in Cassville this week to make preparations for the opening of school.

Dr. and Mrs. Mills of Las Vegas, New Mex., are the parents of a baby girl, which arrived at their home August 12. Mrs. Mills was Miss Gertrude Bayless, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Bayless now of Columbia.

F. A. Archibald of Purdy returned last week from Springfield and is yet nursing Bert Robbins and is slowly improving. Mr. Archibald accompanied a sister, Miss Clem Archibald, to Springfield where she underwent an operation for cancer.

Otis Griffith of McDowell, who was under arrest charged with having secured goods under false pretenses at Crane, has been discharged as there proved to be no case against him. Mr. Griffith says he gave notes for the goods and there was no cause for the arrest.

Miss Anna Bushnell, of Bolivar, is visiting friends in Monett.

A NEW TRUST

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Speakers at Recent Irrigation Congress Claimed That the Nation's Water Power Was Being Absorbed by a Gigantic Power Trust.

Veteran Roadmaster of Frisco Dies Today.

John Coffey, aged 73 years, former roadmaster of the Clinton subdivision, who has been in service of the Frisco Railroad company for forty years, died at his home at Springfield at 11:30 o'clock Wednesday. He accidentally fell from a porch near Kansas City a few months ago, fracturing his hip, since which time his health has been failing. James Elb of Clinton, Mo., succeeded Mr. Coffey as roadmaster.

Mr. Coffey was one of the best known men on the Frisco. He first began work for the company December 11, 1868, as foreman of a grading gang between what is now Richland and Stoutland, the grading ahead of the tracklaying to Lebanon. He then took service as section foreman east of Lebanon and was induced by the contracting firm of Handford & Jones to go to Verona to do the grading there and when the track was laid to Verona in 1870 L. L. Keller, who was roadmaster there, gave Mr. Coffey a job as section foreman near Lebanon. In 1876 he was appointed roadmaster from Springfield to Dixon, and a year later was transferred to the first division, Pacific to Dixon.

In 1886 he was transferred to the Kansas division from Fort Smith to Wichita, with headquarters at Peirce City. He was then transferred to the St. Louis division, from St. Louis to Sapulpa with headquarters at Springfield. In 1895 he was transferred to the second division, Newburg to Monett, and since 1903 has been in charge of the "High line."

Sold Their Homes

T. O. McMillen and his son-in-law Arch Herron have sold their homes on Euclid Avenue. Postal Clerk Cahoon purchased Mr. McMillen's place for \$1000 and Mr. Prevo paid \$900 for Mr. Herron's property.

Mr. McMillen has purchased 240 acres of land near Pettigrew, Ark., and the families will move there next week.

The weather was so hot last Saturday that pop corn in the garden of Attorney J. T. Vorss, who resides on the National boulevard, burst open, as if it had been over a fire in a corn popper. Only about one-third of the kernels were affected by the heat, but this adds more to the strange appearance of the ear. Mr. DeVorss' attention was called to the corn when he was in the garden by the fact that one of the stalks was expanded out of all proportion. The corn is now at his office on Commercial street.—Springfield Republican.

The Marionville Canning factory had a very good run yesterday putting up about 700 crates of tomatoes. The total number put up so far is about 17,000. The growers say they will have about a half crop if they get rain in a few days. If not the crop will not amount to much more.—Marionville Free Press.

HARDLY A PROPER SUBJECT

Incident in Life of Joseph Not to Be Discussed in Mixed Company.

James S. Clarkson, surveyor of the port of New York, was discussing with a reporter the wise and rigid rules to prevent smuggling that he has put in force.

The reporter turned the subject to trunk searching. He spoke of the embarrassment that is sometimes caused by a customs officer's too thorough search of young ladies' trunks. But Mr. Clarkson laughed and said:

"Oh, you are over-delicate. You are like the head boy in the Hanibal Sunday school."

"This head boy was called up to the superintendent's desk to receive a prize of a Bible. The prize was for Biblical knowledge. But the superintendent, before bestowing it, said he would ask the boy a few questions that would show his wide religious knowledge well. So he began:

"Tell us, my boy, some incident in the life of Joseph indicative of his scrupulous honesty."

"The lad frowned and answered haughtily:

"Oh, sir, please remember, sir, that there are ladies present."

HAS WHITE STRAWBERRY.

The production of a white strawberry which bears all the year round, instead of at certain seasons only, is claimed by Hugo H. Lilienthal, a Berkeley horticulturist, who has produced various creations of an unusual kind in the way of fruit and flowers. The white strawberry, his most recent creation, is the result of a long series of experiments with crossing varieties under different conditions. Lilienthal claims to have produced two distinct varieties of berries, which will bear through the full year, making a Christmas berry easily obtainable. One of these is white, the other red, and both are said to be of excellent flavor.—Confectioner and Baker.

TAKING NO CHANCES.

"Could I have a glass of ice water?" asked the weary broom peddler as he climbed up to the editorial room of the Frog Hollow Enterprise.

"You could not!" drawled the editor as he lighted his traditional corncob.

"And why not?"

"Well, because that don't happen to be any ice water. Last week I read that ice water stopped the circulation, and I ain't running any chances."—Chicago News.

FULLY EXCUSED.



Father—Jimmie, why didn't you rake the lawn, as I told you to?

Jimmie—I was going to, father, but the truant officers are around looking for boys under 14 who are working and I was afraid I'd get you into trouble.

MERE FUN FOR YANKEE TARS

American Sailors Astonished Neapolitans by Daring Feat Undertaken in Spirit of Fun.

Some American sailors who had been indulging in liberal potations and had had rows with some of the many bad characters of Naples were conducted by the police to the Central police station the other day.

Tired of waiting in the courtyard, two of them noticed a column leading to an upper story, and climbed like monkeys, while the astonished police ordered them to descend. Arrived at the upper story, the sailors climbed the balustrade and entered the town hall amid the lively curiosity of ushers, clerks and porters. Then they leisurely passed through the halls, and at last descended the central staircase, where they found their way to the street.

In a few minutes they sauntered back into the courtyard, to the further surprise of the guard. All were then marched off to the police magistrate, who on hearing of the adventure and seeing the laughing faces of the sailors, liberated the whole batch.

The sailors gayly thanked him, and the whole crowd went back to the ship thoroughly amused.—Naples Correspondence of the New York World.

SNOBBISH AUDIENCES.

Syracuse, Sicily, has, according to the Giornale di Sicilia, the most snobbish theater public in the world, and to illustrate the contention that paper says: "Catalani's opera, 'Wally,' founded on Wilhelm von Hillem's 'Gaiety-Wally,' had its first performance in Syracuse recently before an audience which filled the theater to the doors. The impresario had invited a great many men and women who belonged to the city's best society. The next night, however, when admission fees were required, the house was empty. This was nothing new, because people who belong to what is known as the better class, particularly the women, will occupy only such places as are in close proximity to those in which the nobility sit. To be in the parquette, where she might have as her neighbor a tailor, butcher or barber, would be unspeakable, and to guard against such a contingency the Syracuse woman denies herself the pleasure of the drama and of the opera, and this despite the ridicule in which the papers have indulged on that account."

CAT'S HOME IN CHURCHYARD.

An ordinary yellow striped cat which makes its home in the churchyard of St. Paul's chapel in New York furnishes an interesting object of observation to passersby. Near the iron fence on the Vesey street side is an old tree in the roots of which is a nook sheltered alike from sun and rain. The yellow cat has appropriated this nook and may be seen dozing peacefully therein at almost any hour. Persons who pause for a moment in their walk along Vesey street are not looking at the ancient tombstones but at the cat, which apparently is oblivious to the interest it creates.

IT HAD FALLEN.

"The New York women are very handsome," said the visitor from the west, "but some of them seem to be a little deformed, don't they? Look," and he pointed out a woman whose uplifted skirt discovered an ankle a little disfigured, true, by what appeared to be a wen or something.

"Sh-h-h!" explained the New Yorker softly. "Her powder puff has fallen down is all."

BIG CHANGE.

Only \$6,000,000 worth of musical instruments were manufactured in this country in the year of the outbreak of the civil war. Now the annual value of the instruments made here is \$70,000,000. Of these we sell about \$1,000,000 worth to Great Britain, while Germany takes \$250,000 worth. We have secured the best artisans in the world by paying them nearly twice the European wages.

FAVORITES.

"What are you going to put in there?" asked his wife.

"Peas, dear," replied the man with the trowel. "Say, if you're going into the house, bring out a can with you. You know—the kind we had for dinner yesterday."—Pack.

BIG CIRCUS AT JOPLIN

Barnum and Bailey to Exhibit There on Wednesday, September 15

The Barnum & Bailey greatest show on earth is to visit Joplin on Wednesday, September 15. Never since the beginning of time has an amusement enterprise so tremendous in size been organized as this one. Its magnitude is almost beyond belief. All America, together with every foreign country, has been scoured from end to end by agents of this big show in search of novelties and the result is a performance brim full of sensational acts new to the circus world. In the big Barnum & Bailey show are nearly 400 arenic stars, most of whom are seen now for the first time. A new sensation will be seen at every performance in "JUPITER, the balloon horse." This remarkable animal with its fearless rider ascends to the dome of the circus tent in a balloon and descends to the ground in a shower of fireworks. Nearly 1000 animal wonders are to be seen in the big 108 cage menagerie. 8 herds of elephants, including one herd that actually plays upon musical instruments in time and tune. A group of giant giraffes, monster trained hippopotamus, only living bi-horned rhinoceros and hundreds of other strange beasts. Barnum & Bailey's big, new, free street parade is the most gorgeous processional display ever attempted in the history of circus business. It is natural to expect this big circus to lead all others in quality and quantity of its street spectacle as well as in other departments of the big show, yet never in its splendid history of nearly half a century has it displayed such extravagance as is shown this year.

Marriage Licenses

Clarence Brattin	Exeter
Hattie Davis	Exeter
F. A. Autry	Purdy
Laura Lawson	Exeter
Charley Zellers	Butterfield
Ollie Foster	Butterfield
Lenard Finley	Monett
Vesta Gillilan	Monett
F. N. Swaffer	Cassville
Faye Myers	Cassville
John Golupski	Bricefield
Mary Yaster	Bricefield

Charles Pugh, yard foreman at the Frisco Depot, narrowly escaped death yesterday morning when he was struck by the tender of a freight engine and knocked to the ground. The slow rate of speed which the train was moving at the time prevented him from being seriously injured. He was bruised about the head and face in the fall.

—Joplin Globe.

R. Vermilion's son Farley was kicked in the face by a mule Sunday morning. He received cuts on the forehead and lips, but was not seriously injured.

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